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### **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

#### **Listing of Claims:**

1. (Original) A cooking utensil comprising a substantially horizontal portion and a substantially vertical annular wall comprising:

a first layer cooking surface, the first layer formed from a sheet of stainless steel and extending continuously along the substantially horizontal surface and along the annular vertical wall;

a second layer beneath the first layer, the second layer formed from a sheet of aluminum and thermally bonded with the first layer, the second layer extending continuously along the substantially horizontal surface and along the annular vertical wall;

a third layer formed from a sheet of stainless steel and thermally bonded with the second layer, the third layer extending continuously along the substantially horizontal surface and along the annular vertical wall; and

the third layer including a plurality of perforations into which some of the second layer extends, the third layer directly contacting a heat source and allowing direct contact between the heat source and the second layer at the perforations.

2. (Original) The cooking utensil of claim 1, wherein the perforations are round

3. (Original) The cooking utensil of claim 1, wherein the perforations are elliptical.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

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6. **(Original)** A cooking utensil comprising:
  - an annular wall portion;
  - a bottom portion;
  - a first layer comprising a cooking surface, a second layer and a third layer, each of the first, second and third layers extending continuously along the annular wall portion and the bottom portion; and
  - the third layer comprising perforations into which the second layer extends.
7. **(Original)** The cooking utensil of claim 6 wherein the first layer is stainless steel, the second layer is aluminum and the third layer is stainless steel.
8. **(Original)** The cooking utensil of claim 6 wherein the first layer is copper, the second layer is aluminum and the third layer is stainless steel.
9. **(Original)** The cooking utensil of claim 6 wherein the first layer is stainless steel, the second layer is aluminum and the third layer is copper.
10. **(Original)** The cooking utensil of claim 7 wherein the utensil is formed from rolled layers of stainless steel, aluminum and stainless steel thermally bonded and formed.
11. **(New)** A method of forming a cooking utensil, comprising:
  - (a) providing a first layer, the first layer comprising stainless steel;
  - (b) providing a second layer, the second layer comprising aluminum;
  - (c) providing a third layer, the third layer comprising a plurality of perforations;
  - (d) forming a composite structure including three layers by rolling the first, second and third layers together, wherein the forming of the composite structure causes the second layer to extend into the perforations in the third layer; and
  - (e) shaping the cooking utensil with the composite structure.
12. **(New)** The method of claim 11, wherein (d) comprises:
  - (i) thermally forming the composite structure.

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13. (New) The method of claim 12, wherein the third layer comprises stainless steel.
14. (New) The method of claim 13, further comprising:
  - (f) plating a fourth layer on the third layer, the fourth layer comprising copper.
15. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein (f) comprises:
  - (i) using an anode/cathode process to plate the fourth layer on the third layer.
16. (New) The method of claim 12, wherein the third layer comprises copper.